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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS REPORTS ON BASE NEGOTIATIONS; ARMS SALES

1. FRIDAY, (JANUARY 23) GUNAYDIN AND AYRINTILI HABER REPORTED IN AN ANKARA DATELINE ITEM FROM ANKA NEWS AGENCY THAT LACK OF PROGRESS ON A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT HAS CAUSED THE U.S. TO DELAY DELIVERY OF WEAPONS RECENTLY PURCHASED BY TURKEY. THESE SALES REPORTEDLY INCLUDED PHANTOM AIRCRAFT AND SPARROW MISSILES.

2. IN MILLIYET FRIDAY COLUMNIST NILUFER YALCIN WROTE ON THE CONTINUING BASE NEGOTIATIONS IN ANAKRA:

"ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM DEPEND-
ABLE SOURCES, WHILE THEREIS NOT GREAT DISAGREEMENT OVER
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PRINCIPLES IN THE TALKS BETWEEN MILITARY PERSONNEL, FOREIGN

MINISTRY OFFICIALS, AND AMERICAN DIPLOMATS3..IN ANKARA, THE
CAREFUL CHOICE OF WORDS AND TERMS TO BE USED
IN THE TEXT OF THE
AGREEMENT, AND THE DRAFTING OF THE TEXT TO PREVENT MISINTER-
PRETATIONS ARE DELAYING THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS. TURKISH
DELEGATION CHIEF ELEKDAG AND U.S. AMBASSADOR MACOMBER ARE
MEETING A FEW TIMES A WEEK AND WORKING ON THE TEXT TOGETHER.
THE PARTIES HOPE...TO ELIMINATE MOST OF THE DIFFICULTIES BY
FEBRUARY 11". IN TALKING ABOUT CYPRUS THE CONGRESSIONAL DEBATES OVER
ARMS TO GREECE AND TURKEY, YALCIN NOTED THAT HER SOURCES "HOPE THAT
FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL'S TWO DAY VISIT TO THE UNITED
STATES WOULD SHED LIGHT ON THE (CYPRUS) ISSUE WHICH MIGHT
HELP CONGRESS AVOID TAKING A FAULTY DECISQON ONCE AGAIN."MACOMBER

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